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SUBJECT: AFTERMATH OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO EGYPT:

CAIRO PRESS ON EXPECTED VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON
TO EGYPT

1. CAIRO PRESS OF MARCH 2 CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON SECRETARY'S
VISIT TO ME. AKHBAR AL-YAWM LEADS WITH BANNER HEADLINE THAT
SADAT WILL VISIT US AS REPLY TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S EXPECTED
VISIT TO EGYPT, FOLLOWS WITH REPORT THAT ACCORDING TO (UNNAMED)
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US OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY, ARRANGEMENT WERE COMPLETED

DURING HIS MEETING WITH SADAT FOR EXCHANGE OF PRESIDENTIAL VISITS. ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S TRIP MAY TAKE PLACE EITHER IN APRIL OR AT END OF YEAR, BUT THAT, IN ANY CASE, IT WILL BE UNCONNECTED WITH HIS OTHER TRIPS TO USSR OR EUROPE.

2. PRESS COVERAGE OF OTHER ASPECTS OF SECRETARY'S TRIP FOCUSES ON SYRIAN/ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT ISSUE. AKHBAR AL-YAWM GIVES DETAIL OF "KISSINGER PLAN" WHICH ENVISAGES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM GOLAN POCKET OCCUPIED AFTER OCTOBER 6, ESTABLISHMENT OF DMZ PATROLLED BY UNEF, AND LATER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM "SUMMITS OF GOLAN HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING LAKE TIBERIAS". AHRAH CARRIES REPORTS FROM TEL AVIV ON FIVE-POINT ISRAELI PLAN WHICH INCLUDES EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS, THINNING-OUT OF FORCES AND RETURN OF CIVILIAN INHABITANTS TO AREAS EVACUATED BY ISRAEL. AHRAH REPORTS THAT IMPORTANT RECENT DEVELOPMENT IS VISIT TO DAMASCUS BY EGYPTIAN COS GAMASY, CARRYING LETTER FROM SADAT TO ASAD. (MAJOR PRESS STORIES ARE EVIDENTLY GEARED TO EXPECTATION OF SUCCESS ON SYRIAN/ISRAEL ISSUE. EACH NEWSPAPER PUBLISHES AS LATE ITEM IN SMALL BOXES RADIO DAMASCUS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SYRIA HAS REJECTED ISRAELI PLAN.)

3. AKHBAR REPORTS, SOURCING AP, THAT ONE OTHER RESULT OF SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SADAT WAS LATTER'S AGREEMENT TO EXTEND UNEF MANDATE IN SINAI BEYOND ORIGINAL APRIL 24 TERMINATION DATE.

4. OTHER PRESS REPORTING GIVES PROMINENCE TO SUBJECTS INVOLVING US/EGYPTIAN AND US/ARAB RELATIONS. AHRAH AND GUMHURIYYA GIVE FIRST-PAGE COVERAGE TO FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY AT US EMBASSY MARCH 1, AND TO REMARKS BY SECRETARY AND FAHMY ON OCCASION. AKHBAR PUBLISHES REPORT THAT IT IS "EXPECTED" THAT SEQUESTRATION WILL BE LIFTED FROM AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, AND CARRIES SEPARATE ITEM STATING THAT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA IS STUDYING POSSIBILITY OF TEACHING ARABIC AS FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS. AHRAH GIVES SPECIAL COVERAGE TO VISIT OF IBRD PRESIDENT MACNAMARA.

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5. FINALLY, AS IF TO EMPHASIZE THE POINT THAT THE BLOOM IS FOR THE MOMENT ON THE AMERICAN ROSE IN EGYPT, PRESS COVERAGE OF GROMYKO'S ARRIVAL IN CAIRO AND MEETINGS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS PALESBY COMPARISON WITH THAT GIVEN TO US.
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